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Examiner	:		
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Inventor	: Jacques Veillon	Confirmation No.:	1980
Title	: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR		
	: PRESERVING PERISHABLE PRODUCTS	Dated:	October 28, 2004

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) – ACTUAL INFRINGEMENT**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION GRANTED

[Signature]
William Krynski
Special Program Examiner
TG 1700
2-10-05

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and MPEP 708.02(II) that the subject application be accorded special status and advanced in order of examination.

The requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and MPEP 708.02(II) are fulfilled as follows:

1. A check for the appropriate fee (\$130.00) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is attached hereto.
2. There is at least one infringing product actually on the market. The infringing product is referred to by the name "Expandable Bowl Covers."
3. A rigid comparison of the alleged infringing product ("Expandable Bowl Covers") with the claims of this present application has been made, and in my opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.
4. A search of the prior art was made in a corresponding PCT application by the EPO. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed concurrently herewith, and the publications listed on the IDS represent the results of the above-referenced search.

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